

MAKING A LIVING IN PARIS.

Old Mansion Devoted to Selling Spurious Works of Art—Matrimonial Brokerage That Pays.

Society in all cosmopolitan cities is a mystery, and in Paris more so than elsewhere, says a London publication. Titles grow where over night. Dukes and counts, princesses and princesses arrive from nobody knows where, start large establishments, entertain, and get everything on credit.

One day there comes a crash. And their downfall is watched with a grim smile by some of the members of the old aristocratic families who have been occasionally asked if they know a Marquise d'Angelys or a Count Kolowski.

An industry, and a lucrative one, is run on artistic lines, and successfully practiced by a titled mondaine. This lady has an old mansion in the most fashionable quarter; the wood carvings are of the eleventh century; the pictures are portraits of her ancestors by old masters.

This makes an ideal background for her trade; for she is in league with dealers, who place here and there in good positions a doubtful Greuze or a pseudo Watteau. The victims are admitted to madame's receptions, and admire and somehow or other get to know that they may make an offer for some of the treasures. It is said that the carvings from mantelpiece to ceiling have been sold over and over again, and that a very good income is derived from the pictures.

And the society matrimonial broker! The penniless viscount is in search of money to regild his tarnished escutcheon, whilst Mlle. Durand, or Duval, the daughter of a retired tradesman, seeks a coronet for her pillow. The society broker brings them together in her salon, and touches a handsome commission when the affair is settled.

These are specialists, but everybody cannot be a specialist. It requires years of practice, a well-known name, and a large clientele, to carry on a prosperous trade.

These women are the Rothschilds of the profession, and are envied by the smaller fry, whom I may term as commission princesses, who, having no specialty, operate generally.

They introduce their acquaintances to dressmakers, milliners, carriage makers, etc., who all know that Countess X. or Mme. J. is to be credited with ten per cent. commission on all articles bought.

They also levy contributions on restaurants, dentists, and I know of a case where a lady squeezed a commission out of the vestry board of one of the richest churches for the celebration of a convert's wedding. This was a great feat, but the mistake she made was to have talked about it.

Then there is the lady who adorns gentlemen's buttonholes, in other words, who assists them in securing the much-coveted Legion of Honor. This branch of industry, however, wants delicate handling, and can only be practiced by movers in political circles.

Extravagance is at the root of the evil. It is not a question of greed. The current draws them out of their depth. They are to be pitied, for they lose not only their self-esteem, but often their hard-earned positions in a world that merely tolerates them.

Styles in Africa.

The women bore a hole in their top lip, and gradually increase this until it is able to inclose a disc of wood two and even three inches in diameter. A Mubira woman came to call on us whose disc measured two and five-eighths inches across. The size of the wood inserted proclaims the rank of the person. Peasants are only allowed to wear pieces of stick of the same dimensions as a match. The weight of the wood causes the lip to fall down over the mouth, and in order to eat it is necessary to lift this shutter with one hand while the other conveys the food to the mouth. Frequently the lip breaks under the strain put upon it, in which case the disconnected ends are carried back and tied to the ear.

Another Think.

Any man who thinks he is courting an angel may live to have another think.

Aggregate Statement of Taxable Property of Lafayette County, Missouri.

JUNE 1, 1905.

Township	Horses		Jacks and Jennets		Mules		Cattle		Sheep		Hogs		Money, Notes and Bonds	All Other Personal Property	Total
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value			
Jay	1,403	\$47,065	10	\$720	783	\$31,860	4,780	\$64,440	933	\$1,385	4,680	\$14,950	\$163,340	\$ 87,910	\$335,270
avis	1,365	\$55,155	8	\$300	546	\$20,185	3,800	\$50,800	598	\$1,080	3,796	\$13,050	197,680	\$0,055	\$401,505
over	1,277	\$46,000	5	\$495	692	\$30,885	4,217	\$62,080	221	\$75	5,334	\$17,025	167,245	\$2,085	\$386,690
reedon	1,412	\$41,230	12	\$890	650	\$23,920	5,095	\$67,065	716	\$1,000	4,688	\$15,885	226,585	\$1,465	\$439,480
Lexington	1,756	\$57,185	4	\$400	630	\$30,005	3,870	\$60,925	585	\$975	4,561	\$14,480	401,070	\$154,395	\$719,495
Middleton	897	\$29,215	5	\$450	598	\$25,440	3,061	\$47,020			2,397	\$8,790	65,585	\$8,295	\$215,845
mini-bar	1,100	\$35,585	7	\$330	255	\$9,125	3,080	\$37,750	704	\$1,305	3,031	\$7,585	131,470	\$1,240	\$264,300
Washington	1,900	\$55,810	41	\$1,965	518	\$17,640	5,883	\$78,095	968	\$1,800	5,686	\$19,600	47,750	\$6,725	\$270,045
Total	11,182	\$350,905	90	\$5,520	4,578	\$188,960	33,726	\$469,785	4,068	\$8,520	34,170	\$112,625	\$1,408,675	\$552,170	\$3,092,160

651,240 acres of unplatted land, \$5,415,775. 7,728 tracts of platted land, \$1,658,690. Total value of real estate, \$7,074,465. Total taxable wealth of county, \$10,166,625.

Born in Higginsville December 17, 1905, to the wife of Will Hader—a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Barnard announce the birth of a boy Thursday morning.

Mrs. Oscar Andreen went to Higginsville Thursday morning for a few days visit.

Dr. H. C. Stokes returned Wednesday afternoon from a visit with friends in Mexico.

Mrs. Bert Taubman returned to her home near Mayview Friday morning after a brief visit here.

John Shackelford, one of the old citizens of south of Bates City, died on Thursday, December 7, 1905.

Miss Virginia Trent, of Booneville, arrived Wednesday morning for a visit with her aunt, Mrs. Theodora Hix.

Mrs. W. A. Eastbrook and children, who have been visiting in Kansas City, returned home Wednesday night.

Miss M. E. Ricketts, of Central College faculty, went to Kansas City Wednesday afternoon for a few days visit.

Dr. T. B. Ramsey, Chas. Kinkead and Phil Adams went to Aullville Friday morning to spend the day hunting.

Mrs. Zach W. Wright and daughter, Ruby, went to Waterloo Friday morning for a few days visit with relatives.

Thomas Carroll and wife, of Springfield, who have been visiting relatives here, left for St. Joseph Friday morning.

Mrs. Bate Drummond returned Friday morning from a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Corse, at Wellington.

Walter Sheehan, of Kansas City, who has been here visiting Dick Rodenburg, returned home Thursday morning.

Mrs. J. T. Toaland, of Kansas City, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Jas. O'Malley, returned home Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Joseph Kavanaugh and three children, who have been here visiting Richard Kavanaugh, returned to their home in Marceline.

About a dozen young couples enjoyed a hop at the Elk's home Thursday night. Smith's orchestra furnished the music.

William Morrow and Emmet Morrow, formerly of Lexington but now living in Kansas City, were here Thursday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Smith and daughter, Alberta, returned home Thursday night from a visit with relatives near Waterloo.

Miss Mary Vaughan, of St. Louis, who has been here to attend the Vaughn Ewing wedding, returned home Wednesday night.

Miss Leslie Griffin returned to her home in Lexington Thursday afternoon, after a visit here with the family of Zach W. Wright.

J. P. Hall, Mrs. Frances Saunders, and daughter Miss Ethel, Elton Greer and Pendleton Hall, returned from Kansas City Thursday night.

Married Wednesday evening in office of probate judge, William Sipe, of Eldorado and Miss Melle Lynd, Nevada, Judge J. P. Chinn, officiating.

Mrs. W. G. Tompkins and baby, who have been here visiting the family of Captain J. P. Ardinger, returned to Kansas City Wednesday afternoon.

Harry Mitchell, who has been visiting his home folks here, returned to Poteau, I. T., where he is connected with the Kansas City and Southern Railroad.

J. B. Kitchen and his brother, Ishmael Kitchen, of St. Charles county, went to Kansas City Friday morning to visit their brother, George Kitchen.

Mrs. L. Campbell and Miss Norma Allen, of Carrollton, spent Thursday

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here and went to Wellington Friday morning for a visit with the family of R. L. Maun.

Miss Annie Blincoe and two nephews, Horace and Clifton, who have been visiting the family of Frank Stewart, returned to Higginsville Thursday night.

Misses Agnes and Grace Arnold Farley, of Sedalia, returned home Thursday night after a brief visit here with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Hutchinson.

Misses Julia and Rose Kleen, of De Soto, Mo., who have been attending the State Teachers' Association at Jefferson City, arrived Friday morning for a visit with Gustav Haerle and wife.

Odean Ledger: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Boxley of Skagway, Alaska, who have been visiting relatives here, left the first of the week for Michigan where they will visit Mrs. Boxley's relatives, before going back to Alaska.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gilmore and Mrs. George Weis and son, George, went to Higginsville Friday morning to attend the funeral of Miss Alice Gladish, aged 23 years, who died in Kansas City and was taken to Higginsville for burial. The deceased was a niece of Mrs. Weis.

Odean Democrat: John Middleton, aged 52 years, died at the home of Geo. Owsley in Bates City on Saturday, December 9, 1905, of consumption. He was well known in the western part of this county. Burial took place in the Bates City cemetery Monday evening.

Grazing Fees on Reserves Upheld.

The policy for charging fees for live stock pastured on the forest reserves having been upheld by the sentiment of a majority of the stockmen using the reserves, and having been approved by the President, the efforts of the Forest Service are now directed toward rendering the grazing privileges so secured by permit of the forest value to the user consistent with the permanent good of the reserves.

Since the first grazing regulations were issued by the Secretary of Agriculture on July 1 last the Forest Service has actively watched their working in practice. It became evident that they would need certain modifications to assure to stockmen a more equitable use of the range without in the least loosening those essential restrictions on which the very existence of the live-stock industry depends. From the first, the main body of the grazing interests quickly grasped the advantages of grazing under a system of regulation, and justly appreciated the fairness of a reasonable charge which would secure both the grazing privilege and a permanent use of the range. Naturally enough the terms of the grazing regulations have called forth discussion and suggestion, but, with the exception of Colorado, protests have been received from no grazing State calling for more than the amendment of certain of the restrictions under which the grazing privilege was to be paid for. The protest of Colorado, grazing interests against the payment of any

razing fee whatever led to the conference held on December 1 at Glenwood Springs, at which representatives of local associations of live-stock owners conferred with the Forester. Certain concessions for which the experience of the Forest Service with the new regulations had paved the way were then agreed to by the Forester. These concessions will be included in the revised edition of the grazing regulations which the Secretary of Agriculture will issue on January 1, when the charge for grazing permits will go into effect as planned.

Among the new regulations to go in force on January 1 are these:

Regulation 14 provides for the construction and maintenance of drift or division fences, under certain conditions, without charge other than the regular grazing fee.

Regulation 17 has been amended so as to provide that "Whenever any stock is removed before the expiration of the permit, it can be replaced by other stock to fill out the number covered by the permit, if the nearest forest officer is notified at once of such action." This amendment is designed to give permit holders the full use of their permits.

Regulation 21 is amended so that all stock will be required to conform not only to the quarantine regulations of the Bureau of Animal Industry, as heretofore, but to all live-stock laws of the State or Territory in which the reserve is located. Rangers will immediately report any violation of the live-stock laws, and will assist stockmen to protect their property against theft.

Regulation 22 is amended so as to allow more freedom in the use of private lands owned or leased within reserves by stockmen whose stock must cross reserve lands to reach such holdings.

The amendment to Regulation 24 defines more specifically the privileges allowed in the construction and maintenance of pastures, and provides that "The agreement for the privilege granted under Regulations 14 or 24 may be made to cover a period of from one to five years, provided it stipulates that failure to secure a renewal of the grazing permit in connection with which it is granted will cancel the agreement for the maintenance of the drift or division fence, or pasture."

A special concession was also made in grazing permits on cattle for the season of 1906, in order to protect and assist home builders by giving a half rate on cattle up to the number allowed in the highest permit of the lower half of all permits issued in each State or Territory. The limit, based on permits issued during 1905, is found to be as follows:

State or Territory.	Half rate limit.
Arizona	75
California	50
Colorado	60
Idaho	30
Kansas	50
Montana	60
Nebraska	50
New Mexico	30
Oklahoma	50
Oregon	30
South Dakota	30
Utah	30
Washington	30
Wyoming	100

IN MAD CHASE.

Millions rush in mad chase after health, from one extreme of faddism to another, when, if they would only eat good food, and keep their bowels regular with Dr. King's New Life Pills, their troubles would all pass away. Prompt relief and quick cure for liver and stomach trouble, 25c at Crenshaw & Young drug store; guaranteed.

12-2ml

Shorthorn Bulls for Sale.

For sale, four fine thoroughbred shorthorn bulls, at my farm six miles southeast of Lexington. Can give detailed pedigree.

11-11tf C. E. LANKFORD.

Homes Wanted for Orphan Boys.

We have on hand boys ranging in ages from three months to twelve years. We are anxious to place them in good Christian families. References required. For further information address,

REV. C. C. STAHMANN, State Superintendent The Children's Home Society, 310 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo.

HEART FLUTTERING.

Indigested food and gas in the stomach, located just below the heart presses against it and causes heart palpitation. When your heart troubles you in that way take Herbine for a few days. You will soon be all right. 50c, a bottle. Sold by Crenshaw & Young.

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The Only Guaranteed Kidney Cure

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For SALE—A thoroughbred shorthorn bull, 3 years old. He is a splendid animal and can be bought at a very low price. See or write to

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The season of indigestion is upon us. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure for indigestion and dyspepsia will do everything for the stomach that an over-loaded or over-worked stomach can not do for itself. Kodol Digests what you eat—gives the stomach a rest—relieves sour stomach, belching, heart burn, indigestion, etc. Sold by Crenshaw & Young.

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Rough skin and cracked hands are not only cured by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, but an occasional application will keep the skin soft and smooth. Best for eczema, cuts, burns, boils, etc. The genuine DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve affords immediate relief in all forms of blind, bleeding, itching and protruding piles. Sold by Crenshaw & Young.

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The most pleasant, safest and best remedy to use for coughs, colds, croup, whooping cough, etc., is Kennedy's Laxative Honey and Tar. This remedy expels all cold from the system by acting as a cathartic on the bowels. Sold by Crenshaw & Young.

12-9ml

For SALE—A three horse power gas or gasoline engine, Kansas City Hay Press make. Apply at this office.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Letters of administration on the estate of John T. Meier, deceased, were granted to the undersigned on the 14th day of October, 1905, by the probate court of Lafayette county, Missouri. All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them for allowance to the administrator within one year after the date of said letters or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within two years from the date of said letters they will be forever barred.

This 14th day of October, 1905.

F. R. HAERLE, Administrator.

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EXECUTRIX'S NOTICE.

Letters testamentary on the estate of Henry W. Winkler, deceased, were granted to the undersigned on the 2nd day of December, 1905, by the probate court of Lafayette county, Missouri. All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them for allowance to the executrix within one year after the date of said letters or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within two years from the date of said letters they will be forever barred.

This 2nd day of December, 1905.

ELIZABETH M. WINKLER, Executrix.

12-1115

Valentines

at

Morrison's

at

Haekker's

Cafe

no No. 3

Get Ready

for some of these mornings you will wake up and find snow on the ground and the thermometer around zero. We have a full line of Felt Boots, Overshoes and Rubbers such as Sels Royal Blue. Might as well be prepared, for it is bound to come.

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Is the place where you get the best cigars, wines and liquors and a first-class lunch. A nice resort, where you receive courteous treatment.